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SUBJECT: ROUTING FOR MAC AIRCRAFT SUPPORTING
EXERCISE REFORGER

1. AS EMBASSIES AWARE MAC AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN AIRLIFT
OF SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO CONDUCT
MISSIONS FROM LAJES AB AZORES TO TEL AVIV AND BACK TO
LAJES WITHOUT ENTERING SOVEREIGN AIRSPACE OF OTHER NATIONS.
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2. MAC IS ALSO COMMITTED TO 160-170 MISSIONS TO AIRLIFT
EXERCISE REFORGER V FORCES RETURNING TO CONUS FROM
GERMANY, COMMENCING AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED BUT NOT
EARLIER THAN 31 OCTOBER. DUE TO HEAVY MAC COMMITMENTS

AND LIMITED RESOURCES, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO SECURE MOST DIRECT AIRCRAFT ROUTING FROM TEL AVIV TO RHEIN MEIN AB GERMANY BY OVERFLIGHT OF ITALY AND FRANCE. THIS WOULD REDUCE FLYING TIME BY SEVEN HOURS PER MISSION VICE RETURN TO LAJES FROM TEL AVIV AS PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED. ADDITIONALLY, THIS ROUTING WOULD REDUCE FUEL ONLOAD REQUIREMENT AT TEL AVIV THUS REDUCING CONSUMPTION OF VITAL SUPPLIES AVAILABLE IN ISRAEL. FURTHER ADVANTAGE WOULD BE GAINED IF AIRCRAFT COULD STOP AT SIGONELLA ENROUTE TO RHEIN MEIN VIA ITALY/FRANCE.

3. OF APPROXIMATELY 160-170 MISSIONS COMMITTED TO REFORGER V, IT IS ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY 47 MISSIONS WOULD BE FROM TEL AVIV WITH POTENTIAL SAVING OF 329 FLIGHT HOURS IF THESE MISSIONS COULD BE ROUTED VIA ITALY AND FRANCE ON NORMAL PROCEDURES PRESENTLY CONTAINED IN USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE.

4. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING REQUEST EMBASSIES ROME AND PARIS IMMEDIATELY SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT PERMISSION FOR MAC AIRCRAFT RETURNING EMPTY FROM TEL AVIV TO OVERFLY ITALY AND FRANCE ENROUTE TO GERMANY WITH REFUELING STOP AT SIGONELLA IF POSSIBLE. POSTS MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO GOF AND GOI THAT ONLY REASON FOR US REQUEST IS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION HOMEWARD FOR NATO REINFORCEMENT EXERCISE WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN GERMANY. KISSINGER

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